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TAFT DENIES CLAIM OF ROOSEVELT

Never Approved Roosevelt's Decision to Delay Prosecution of The Harvester Company.

ABSENT FROM THE COUNTRY AT THAT TIME

President Quotes Official Records to Show That He Was in Philippines When Matter Was Under Consideration—Cabinet Members Do Not Recall That Question Ever Came Before Them—Robert Lincoln Objects to Roosevelt's "Perversion" of His Father's Views and Words.

Washington, April 28.—Before leaving the White House today to return to Massachusetts, President Taft issued a personal statement denying the charge that he had approved the decision to delay the prosecution of the Harvester Company.

President Taft's statement says he never heard the International Harvester Company's case until after his cabinet meeting, and that the records of his department will show that he was out of the country when the incident referred to by the Colonel occurred.

The President's Statement. President Taft's statement was as follows: "Mr. Roosevelt, in his speech at Worcester, referring to the Harvester suit, said: 'As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft was a member of my cabinet when his identical case was discussed before the cabinet, and he cordially approved the action taken, and indeed, as a matter of fact, my memory is that he himself said that there should be no prosecution of the Harvester trust pending the investigation into the trust by the bureau of corporations.'

Roosevelt's Memory at Fault. "Mr. Roosevelt's memory is very much at fault. I am authorized to say by Mr. Root and Secretary Wilson, both of whom were members of the cabinet at that time, that they have no recollection whatever of ever hearing the prosecution of the Harvester trust discussed before the cabinet, and Mr. Root is very certain that he never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter to Mr. Roosevelt until after my administration had begun, and the time when the question of the prosecution came up in 1910 or 1911. And I never saw or read the letter until about two months ago.

The Dates Involved. "This correspondence shows that the subject matter of the prosecution of the International Harvester Company came before President Roosevelt on August 22, 1907, which is the date of his letter to Attorney General Bonaparte; that Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter discussing the question of a trial against the suit was dated September 27, 1907; and that Mr. Smith's letter was forwarded to the director of the Harvester Company on the date of September 24, 1907, to the attorney general with direction to the attorney general to bring the letter to the president that week to talk over the matter.

What Official Records Show. "The official records of the department show that I left Washington in June of the same year and went to Murray Bay, Canada; that I remained there until August, when I left for the Philippines; that I went to the Philippines on August 14, and left Washington on August 15 for western trip throughout Oklahoma, Wisconsin, the Yellowstone park, Oregon and Washington, reaching Seattle on September 24, and leaving Seattle on September 25, and sailing from Seattle for the Philippines on September 13, I did not return to the United States until the 20th of December, 1907.

Taft Was Out of Country. "I have a letter from Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, written at my request, in which he uses the following language: 'On November 1, 1907, which date I take from my personal diary, I telephoned Mr. Perkins at the president's order that the president took the view that the bureau's investigation should come before the suit.'

Why Suit Has Been Delayed. "Mr. Roosevelt asks why suit has not been brought in this administration against the Harvester trust. A report made to me by the attorney general shows that shortly after the decision by the supreme court of the standard oil case, the attorney general was about to bring suit against the International Harvester company, when its representatives requested an opportunity in apparent good faith to submit a reasonable plan of reorganization or dissolution, which would meet every just cause of complaint. With my approval, the attorney general delayed bringing suit pending the consideration of this proposition and during negotiations which ensued looking to the accomplishment of each result.

Order to Bring Suit on April 12. "These negotiations were delayed, first, by reason of the time required to make an examination of the books of the Harvester company, and second, because of delay in completing the report of the examinations, due to the fact that they were obliged to suspend work on it in order to complete their work on the steel trust investigation. These negotiations had continued until April 24, 1911, when, as I have before mentioned, they came to a conclusion, and it was determined that no agreement could be reached which the government could accept; and on that date the attorney general was directed to bring suit.

Cabled Paragraphs

Brussels, Belgium, April 28.—The executive bureau of the International maritime committee has voted to study anew the international regulations for the protection of life at sea.

London, April 28.—The body of Justin McCarthy, the novelist and historian, for many years a member of parliament, who died at Folkestone Wednesday, was buried in Hempstead cemetery yesterday.

Constantinople, April 28.—The great bazaar quarters in Damascus have been destroyed by fire. Several persons were killed and many injured and the damage is estimated at \$1,000,000. The fire began at midnight Friday and lasted until late Saturday night.

Danitz, Germany, April 28.—The battleship Koenig Albert, named for a former king of Saxony, was launched Saturday. The present Saxony king, Friedrich August, was present, and made a speech and his sister, princess Mathilda, christened the vessel.

EXPLODING TIRE CAUSES DEATH OF HINSILL PARSONS. Victim Was Driving Ninety Horse Power Auto Near Albany.

Albany, N. Y., April 28.—Hinsill Parsons of Schenectady, vice-president and general counsel of the General Electric company, was instantly killed in an automobile accident at Clinton Heights, Rochester county, three miles east of Albany. His chauffeur, T. F. Nicholson, of Amsterdam, sustained a fracture of the left leg and is in a local hospital in serious condition.

Mr. Parsons and his secretary left New York at 9 o'clock this morning to drive a new 50 horse power automobile to the west. The car was at the wheel when the party reached Clinton Heights at 3:30 p. m. Suddenly one of the rear tires blew out. This caused the car to swerve and then it rolled over on its side, crushing the car and causing instant death. The car was slightly damaged.

TWO TOWNS WIPED OUT BY TORNADO. Forty-one Persons Known to Be Dead and Over 100 Injured.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 28.—As detailed reports come in the extent of devastation and loss of life and property from Saturday's tornado, and news from places now laid desolate on account of high water and destruction of telephone lines probably will add to the losses already tabulated.

It is now known that 25 towns were struck by the storm which swept northward yesterday afternoon from Texas through portions of southwestern and central Oklahoma. The towns of Bluff and Fox, were literally wiped out, and that 41 dead and over a hundred injured are accounted for. Other towns reported to have been damaged or destroyed include: Muskogee, Okla., where 25 persons were killed and 100 injured; Muskogee, Okla., where 25 persons were killed and 100 injured.

A COMPLICATED BALLOT AT MASSACHUSETTS PRIMARIES. Result of Tomorrow's Caucuses May Not Be Known Before Wednesday.

Boston, April 28.—The answer of Massachusetts to the campaign platform either personally or by representative, will be given tomorrow when the result of the election of the state's delegates to the national convention will be known.

WOMAN'S CONDUCT CAUSE OF A DOUBLE TRAGEDY. Her Husband and Former Boarder Killed Each Other With Revolvers.

Used Dynamite To Get Bandits Sailed Under Sealed Orders

FRENCH SOLDIERS BLEW UP WALL OF A GARAGE. TWO DESTROYERS AND TRANS-PORT OFF FOR MEXICO.

DEPERADOES RIDDLED SLIPPED FROM HARBOR. Destroyers Showed No Lights and Were Seen Only by a Party of Fishermen as They Left San Diego.

San Francisco, April 28.—The transport Buford, bound for the west coast of Mexico, cleared at 8:40 o'clock tonight in the lead of a heavy gunboat escort. She carries forty enlisted men as a guard.

May Put in at San Diego. It is understood that the Buford will put in at San Diego for a convey. Although no official confirmation of this information could be had, it is supported by a despatch from San Diego last night saying that two of the transport's destroyers in port there would sail under sealed orders within 24 hours.

DESTROYERS SLIP AWAY. Two Leave San Diego Harbor at High Speed Under Sealed Orders.

San Diego, Cal., April 28.—The torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Perry, the largest vessels of the fleet, slipped out of the harbor last midnight and went to sea with sealed orders. That they are bound for the west coast of Mexico is the general belief, though naval officials decline to discuss the probable destination of the destroyers.

Well Supplied With Coal. The secret orders came late Saturday night, and soon after the Perry and Preble were on their way. They left the harbor unnoticed except by a party of Italian fishermen who passed them as they steamed away from the government dock near quarantine, where they had filled their bunkers and also piled coal on their decks.

Showed No Lights. The fishermen say that the destroyers showed no lights and were going at high speed. Waterfront men state that even with thousands of coal the little vessels can hardly steam further than Magdalena bay, which is thought to be their destination. But the coiler, Prometheus and transporter, Buford, both of which will soon be in southern waters, may meet the destroyers and fill their bunkers.

DRUNKEN ROW. RESULTS IN DUEL. One of the Combatants Dead and the Other Dying.

Philadelphia, April 28.—One man is dead and another is dying as the result of a duel with shotguns today in Martins Village, a settlement in the extreme southern section of this city. The duel was fought between John Larkin, 34 years, received fatal wounds in his leg and body, and died later in a hospital, while his opponent, Frank Rody, 30 years, had his leg shot away and is fatally injured. Larkin's mother and a man who had been drinking with the two duellists, witnessed the encounter.

RACING AUTOMOBILE WRECKED BY A STONE. Two New Yorkers Who Occupied It Only Slightly Injured.

Southport, Conn., April 28.—A high powered racing automobile, in which were H. J. Moran and George W. Holden of New York, struck a stone on the southeast corner of a road, and, as a result, struck a telephone pole, turned turtle and then caught fire. The men were taken to a Bridgeport hospital. Their injuries are not serious. It is said that the automobile was racing with E. M. Bernard of No. 123 Temple street, New Haven, who was also in the race. Mr. Bernard was badly thrown from the head, but was not in need of medical attendance. His machine was damaged.

WOMEN'S MEMORIAL. Mrs. Taft Contributes First Dollar for a Monument to the Men.

Washington, April 28.—Mrs. William H. Taft has given the first dollar to a woman's Titanic memorial which is proposed to erect in Washington to commemorate the men who went down with the ship. A committee of 100 women from all states has been chosen and no contributions will be accepted from men. Mrs. John Hay, Mrs. John Hays Hammond and others are interested.

Two Hours After He Had Returned to Portland, Me., from an unsuccessful business trip to Boston for the purpose of demonstrating a new machine for sausage making, Carl F. Schenck, aged 26, fatally shot himself through the head Saturday.

A Big Westerner, bearing a resemblance to Sidney Allen, was arrested in Lakewood, N. J., by a constable, who thought he had the famous outlaw. The man proved to be a native of Michigan and had come to New Jersey to look over real estate he had purchased.

Over-Production of Kentucky Whiskey, similar to that during the four years from 1890 to 1895, inclusive, which was followed by several years of depression, is feared by the distillers, who have agreed that curtailment in the output is imperative.

Senator Williams Criticized. Washington, April 28.—Senator John Sharp Williams was today the object of clerical criticism because of his refusal to sign the Senate bill Thursday of a parody on the Apocryphal Creed, purporting to state the political beliefs of Theodore Roosevelt.

Enfield Police Chief Resigns. Thompsonville, Conn., April 28.—Chief Edward Bromage of the Enfield police department resigned tonight to accept a position as chief of the West Springfield police. He will enter upon his new duties May 8. Chief Bromage has been chief of the Enfield department since it was organized in 1905.

But's Body Not Yet Recovered

REMAINS OF MRS. STRAUS ARE ALSO STILL MISSING. MAY NEVER BE FOUND

Body of W. T. Stead to Be Buried at Sea if Recovered—Members of Titanic's Crew Arrive in England.

Halifax, April 28.—A wireless message received here today from the cable ship Minia, which is supplementing the work of the Mackay-Bennett in searching for bodies of those who perished in the Titanic disaster, indicates that there is little hope of getting to the 180 odd now on the Mackay-Bennett, due here some time tomorrow. The weather here is very rough, and bodies are widely scattered.

Bodies That May Not Be Recovered. Captain Decarier of the Minia believes the Mackay-Bennett has picked up nearly all obtainable. If the prediction is correct, the bodies of Major Archibald Butt, Mrs. Lister Tilden and other prominent persons not reported as missing will never be brought to port for burial.

Total of 192 Identified. A revised list of the identified dead, compiled tonight from wireless messages received here and in New York, brings the number on the Mackay-Bennett at 184 and those on the Minia at 8. Ten all told were reported as recovered.

The Exhibition in Philadelphia of the largest picture of the sinking of the Titanic has been forbidden by Mayor Blankenburg.

Wreckage Washed Ashore at the Dardanelles. One of the bodies of the Italian cruiser Varese, one of those which took part in the bombardment, has been lost.

The Four Children of Mrs. C. Slack of Rochester, Mich., were burned to death and the mother was painfully injured when the Slack home was destroyed by fire.

A Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between Peru and Cuba was signed at Lima, Peru, by the Peruvian foreign minister and the Cuban minister to Peru.

The 30th Anniversary of the Birth of General J. B. Grant was celebrated at Galveston, Texas, yesterday. John Ireland of St. Paul, delivered an address.

The House Will Not Act on the constitutional amendment for direct election of senators until the postoffice appropriation now before it has been disposed of.

State Senator L. R. Andrews of Ironton, O., convicted of accepting a bribe for the senatorial vote, was sentenced to nine months in the penitentiary.

Dr. Karl Francke, the eminent German scientist, says the death of a man is not a failure, but a success. He recovered it to be buried at sea. A request to this effect was sent by wireless from here today to the steamer Mackay-Bennett, but as far as known she has not recovered Mr. Stead's body.

Stormy Weather Delays Work. The steamer Minia has taken the place of the steamer Mackay-Bennett in search for bodies, but today it was impossible to continue the search on account of stormy weather. Messages received at the White Star line office today via the Camperdown (N. S.) wireless station.

Bodies Identified. The Mackay-Bennett, however, sent an additional list of identified bodies and reported that she would reach Halifax with the bodies tomorrow noon. The additional names are: C. C. Blaisdell, Katherine Blaisdell, Mrs. Blaisdell, Faintroppe, Ralph Giles, Hans C. Givart, Tomas Henckels, Gustaf J. Johanson, Ventsell Lachart, Thomas McGowry, Thomas Morgan, Robert H. Norman, J. F. Fogel, George Sewall, Del Carlo Sebastian, Leopold Weiss, Mauri Der Zaccardian.

SAILORS REACH ENGLAND. Board of Trade Fails in Its Attempt to Detain Them in Barracks.

Plymouth, April 28.—One hundred and sixty-seven survivors of the crew of the Titanic disembarked from the Lapland here this morning. Crowds of people lined the docks and heights around the town witnessed the arrival of the steamer and the landing of the small contingent which remained of those who manned the great steamer of the White Star line. The Red Cross greeted many of the seamen, while others were taken to inquire regarding those who were lost.

The passengers of the board of trade officials to detain the crew in barracks until the statements of all could be formally taken were frustrated by the action of President Lewis and other officials of the British Seamen's Union, the same organization which counselled the strikes of the Olympic crew. They advised the seamen that to continue their detention had no power to confer them and that they should not submit to such treatment, and after a few hours' detention the men were given the liberty of the port.

The first ship to be rescued from the dock and thirty newspapermen surrounded the men and obtained many interesting stories of personal experience. It was those told in the United States stories of suffering on raft, death from exposure and rescue from the water. All agreed that the crew and passengers clung to the belief that the Titanic could not sink and made light of the collision. According to one seaman, Captain Smith's last words were: "Brave men for yourself."

Memorial Service for Titanic Victim. New York, April 28.—A memorial service for Henry R. Harris, an editorial manager who perished in the Titanic disaster, was held in the Hudson theater tonight, and was largely attended by theatrical men, members of clubs, benefit and fraternal orders and others with whom he was associated. Mr. Harris' widow occupied a box, and other members of his family were in the audience.

Antonio Mariano, of Providence, the boy of 13 years who was found probably guilty of killing 12 year old William Mathier, Jr., in Marlborough, N. L., on February 3, was released from the Suffolk jail today, after a period of 12 months of his confinement.

A Feature of the Titanic Memorial and benefit performance to be given at the Metropolitan Opera house, New York, this evening for the benefit of the families of the Titanic's musicians, will be the presentation to William Mathier of a gold medal in commemoration of the part played by wireless telegraphy in the rescue of the survivors.

consisting for the most part of an anarchist confession of faith and concluding with the words, believed to be those of the man who was killed in the last moment: "I die, Jules Bonnot." He was armed with four revolvers and a carbine.